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CLAIMING "BILLY THE KID."

Descriptions that Tally ... Recollections of Michael McCarthy.

There is a general belief in the Fourth Ward that, notwithstanding statements to the contrary, "Billy the Kid," who on Saturday last was shot dead by Sheriff Garrett at Fort Sumner, New Mexico, was born and brought up in that ward. The dispatch announcing his death reported that his real name was McCarthy, and that he was a New Yorker by birth. The Fourth Warder's name was McCarthy. He is described as answering in personal appearance to the description of the Kid, and it is said that he fled to the West in 1876 after

committing a murder in this city.
"I'm convinced that Billy the Kid and McCarthy are one and the same person," said Policeman Thomas Dwyer, of the Oak Street Station, last evening. of the Oak Street Station, last evening. "McCarthy was of the same height as the Kid, had hair and eyes of the same color, and the same projecting teeth. I remember McCarthy well, and the murder he committed was the most brutal that ever came under my notice. It happened on the night of September 9, 1876. He had been on bad terms with Tom Moore, a brush maker, living at 9 Vandewater street. Moore worked in Vandewater street. Moore worked in a factory in Fulton street, and was the only support of his mother. He was not 20 years old and was a fine, broadshouldered fellow. On the night of the 9th he went to the grocery store of Mat-thew Dwyer at the corner of Pearl and Hague streets. There McCarthy met him, and they quarreled. McCarthy ran into the grocery store, and picking up a beer glass with one hand and a large knife, such as is used to slice ham with, in the other, came out. He threw the glass at Moore, who dodged it, and attempted to clinch with him. McCarthy met him with the knife, sending it through Moore's chin, cutting into his throat, and burying the blade ten inches throat, and burying the bladeten inches deep in his breast. One of Moore's thumbs was cut off as he held up his hand to ward off the blow. McCarthy ran down Hague street and through a passage to 84 Franklin street, where he threw away the knife. Moore staggered to the front of 357 Pearl street, and fell dead into the arms of a friend. McCarthy was traced to Brooklyn, where he thy was traced to Brooklyn, where he was lost sight of. His father kept a fruit stand at the corner of Nassau and John streets, and was thought to have money. Shortly after his son's disappearance he left the city and was gone or several months. It was said at the time that he had taken McCarthy to Ireland. When he returned I know that his son came with him, and I afterward learned that the son went West. In 1878 the old man died, and 'Dad' McCarthy, the other son, and Mrs. Mc-Carthy died a few months later. There are two girls of the family still living. McCarthy was bad from a child, and had had some Western experience before he fled West in 1876. When 13 or 14 years old he was sent to the or 14 years old he was sent to the House of Refuge, and through the Children's Aid Society, I think it was, was bound out to a Western farmer. He staid a year or so, and then escaped and came back to this city. He was born in Vandewater Street, and went to the Vandewater Street School. His given name was Michael, but I have heard that he changed it after the murder. He was a little past 17 when he killed Moore, and looked younger. His teeth were strong and white, but, the two front upper teeth were longer than the rest and projected. He was then about 5 feet 5 inches tall, but may not then have got his growth. He had blue eyes and brown hair. His face was somewhat tanned. He learned

West."

"As soon as I read the account of Billy "the Kid's," death, and saw that his real name was McCarthy," said the man into whose arms Moore had fallen after being stabbed, "it occurred to me at once that he man into whose arms Moore had fallen after being stabbed, "it occurred to me at once that he man into whose arms Moore had fallen after being stabbed, "it occurred to me at once that he man into whose arms Moore had fallen after being stabbed, "it occurred to me at once that he man into whose arms Moore had fallen after being stabbed, "it occurred to me at once that he man into whose arms Moore had fallen after being stabbed, "it occurred to me at once that he man into whose arms Moore had fallen after being stabbed, "it occurred to me at once that he man into whose arms Moore had fallen after being stabbed, "it occurred to me at once that he man into whose arms Moore had fallen after being stabbed, "it occurred to me at once that he man into whose arms Moore had fallen after being stabbed, "it occurred to me at once that he man into whose arms Moore had fallen after being stabbed, "it occurred to me at once that he man into whose arms Moore had fallen after being stabbed, "it occurred to me at once that he man into whose arms Moore had fallen after being stabled and the man into whose arms Moore had fallen after being stabled and the mean into whose arms Moore had fallen after being stabled and the man into whose arms Moore had fallen after being stabled and the mean into whose arms Moore had fallen after being stabled and the mean into whose arms Moore had fallen after being stabled and the man into whose arms Moore had fallen after being stabled and the mean into whose arms Moore had fallen after being stabled and the mean into whose arms Moore had fallen after being stabled and the mean into whose arms Moore had fallen after being stabled and the mean into whose arms Moore had fallen after being stabled and the mean into whose arms Moore had fallen after being stabled and the mean into whose arms Mo me at once that he was Moore's murderer. The descrip ions tallied and McCarthy was just the man to turn out

A Sun reporter talked last night with twenty Fourth Warders, all of whom had known McCarthy. They were all of the opinion that he and Billy "the Kid," were identical. "There is one way to make sure of it," said a young man employed in a grocery shop in Pearl Street, near Hague. "McCarthy when 10 years old, was badly burned with acid, and was treated at the Chamwith acid, and was treated at the Cham-bers Street Hospital; but I think he must have a scar on the upper part of one of his legs and on his body."-New York Sun.

THE NEW MANAGER.

The Appointment of Col. Strong's Successor.

President W. B. Strong, of the Atchison, Topeka & Santa Fe, has given another proof of his great segacity in selecting the right man for the right place. In selecting Mr. C. C. Wheeler, Assistant General Manager of the Chicago & Northwestern cago & Northwestern, as General Manager of the Atchison, Topeka & Santa Fe, he has secured a man for this responsible position who, without exageration, may be said to possess all the qualifications for the place more than any other railroad man in the country. Mr. Wheeler has not only great experience in the management of railroads, but his ability, energy, and integrity are acknowledged by all who know him. He has been in the service of the Chicago & Northwestern almost a life time and for many years was its General Freight Agent, in which position he gained an enviable reputation as a skillful, reliable, and honest freight man. When Mr. W. B. Strong assumed the position of General Manager of the Michigan Central, some five or six years ago, he made Mr. Wheeler a tempting offer of the position of General Freight Agent of that road, which Mr. Wheeler accepted. He filled the position ably and creditably for about two years, and then resigned because He has been in the service of the Chitwo years, and then resigned because he was incapable of acting as dishon-estly in regard to rates and contracts

as some of his rivals. The Chicago & Northwestern, which was only too glad to get Mr. Wheeler back again, offered him the position of Assistant General Superintendent, which he accepted. About two years ago he was promoted to the position of Assistant General Manager, which he now resigns to accept the still more responsible position of General Manager of the Atchison, Topeka & Santa Fe. The announcement of Mr. Wheeler's appointment to this position was a genuine surprise, as no one had an idea that he would be offered the place. He was not a candidate, and not until a few days ago did he have an idea of severing his connec-tion with the Northwestern. It was generally believed that either Mr. Tou-zalin or Mr. Nettleton would have the place, but it seems that Mr. Strong, who knows the qualifications and value of Mr. Wheeler as well as any man in the country, was determined to have Mr. Wheeler if possible, knowing that in his hands the affairs of the Atchison, Topeka & Santa Fe would continue in the path of posperity which has marked its career since Mr. Strong assumed its management. It is understood that Mr. Wheeler will receive a salary of \$12,000 a year which was too good a thing to be refused. General Manager Hughitt, of the Nortwestern, said yesterday that, while he greatly regretted the withdrawal of Mr. Wheeler from the service of his company, yet he could not blame him for accepting so good an offer. Everybody here is rejoiced over Mr. Wheeler's good fortune, and the only regret is that he is to leave Chicago, where he has so many Topeka & Santa Fe would continue in

leave Chicago, where he has so many warm friends. Mr. Wheeler resigned his position or the Northwestern yesterday; and will leave for Topeka to assume the duties of the new position on August 1st.

The position of Assistant General
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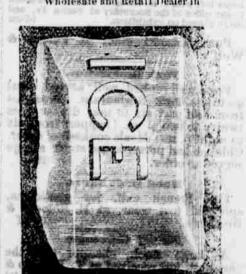
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